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**Minute**

**MASSACHUSETTS STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION  
1 ASHBURTON PLACE, BOSTON, DPS CONFERENCE ROOM 1301  
MARCH 5, 2015, 2:00PM**

1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Gary Litchfield at 12:19pm.

Board Members Present

Gary Litchfield

Guy Licciardi

Quion T Riley

Board Members Absent

LaTeisha Adams

Joseph Krowski, Jr

Guests Present

Ronnie Drimer, DPS Program Coordinator

Deirdre Hosler, DPS Deputy General Counsel

Jen Cobis, DPS Office Support Specialist

Michael Polvere, MMA Matchmaker

Rafael Francis, Professional Boxer

Hal Cohen, Community Activist in Dorchester

2. Approval of the Minutes from February 5, 2015

This item was table for the next meeting.

3. Approval of Suspensions for February 26, 2015  
A motion was made by Commissioner Licciardi to approve the suspensions for February 26, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Riley. Motion was passed by unanimous decision.
4. Juan Puerto (678-327-7236) e-mail on referee Thomas Evans  
Juan Puerto called in to the meeting via telephone to discuss the match between himself and Johnny Campbell on November 1, 2014. Mr. Puerto felt he had been treated unfairly by the referee, Thomas Evans, that night. Mr. Puerto stated that Mr. Evans and Mr. Campbell know each other through their managers and training teams and also Mr. Campbell was given the opportunity by Mr. Evans to pop his shoulder back in during the fight when it was dislocated but did not allow Mr. Puerto to do the same when he was in the same situation. Mr. Evans also deducted a point from Mr. Puerto for pushing off the cage. Commissioner Licciardi made a motion to put this item on the next agenda, seconded by Commissioner Riley. Motion was passed by unanimous vote. The Commission will view the fight video before the next meeting. Attorney Hosler will send a hearing notice for Thomas Evans to come before the Board at their next meeting. Thomas Evans was unable to be reached by telephone at this meeting. Staff will have David Ginsberg present for the next meeting.
5. Application for:  
  
Thomas Baker, Boxing Promoter  
A motion was made by Commissioner Licciardi to approve this application, seconded by Commissioner Riley. Motion was passed by unanimous decision. Mr. Baker stated that he would be putting on amateur shows and would contact USA Boxing.  
  
Edward Campbell, Boxing Judge  
A motion was made by Commissioner Licciardi to approve the application providing that Mr. Campbell shadow 2 events, seconded by Commissioner Riley. Motion was approved by unanimous decision.
6. Matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting  
Decision under 523 CMR 14.13 regarding purse withheld in fight on February 26, 2015, Rafael Francis vs Michael McLaughlin.  
On February 26, 2015, Rafael Francis fought Michael McLaughlin. During the bout Mr. Francis head butted Mr. McLaughlin and was separated by Referee John Morrell at which time Mr. Francis punched Mr. McLaughlin. As a result of that Mr. Francis was disqualified and his check was held and sent to the Commission office. Mr. Francis came before the Board to apologize and say that it was an accident. Hal Cohen spoke on his behalf and said it was an accident and that Mr. Francis did not realize that the fight had been stopped. Commissioner Riley made a motion to put Mr. Francis on notice and release his check, a reoccurrence of another incident like that a serious penalty will follow, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion was approved by unanimous decision.
7. Schedule next meeting  
The next meeting was scheduled for April 9, 2015 at 12:00pm.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.

List of Documents/Exhibits used at this meeting

Boxing Promoter application for Thomas Baker  
Boxing Judge Application for Edward Campbell  
Minutes from February 5, 2015 Meeting  
Suspensions from February 26, 2015 Boxing Event  
E-mail from Juan Puerta